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In re the application of:

Osamu TATEWAKI et al.

Appln. No.: 10/767,613

Group Art Unit: 3611

Filed: January 30, 2004

Examiner: K. Hurley

For: ELECTRIC POWER STEERING APPARATUS

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Supplementing the Information Disclosure Statement dated January 30, 2004, and without any assertion as to materiality or prior art effect, the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are hereby cited.

Applicants' Japanese representative has provided the attached comments regarding the relevance of Documents AM-AN.

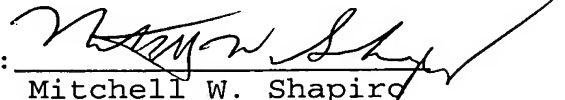
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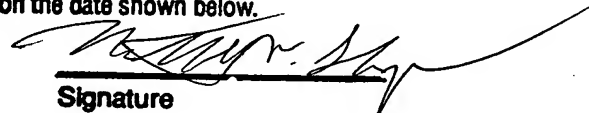
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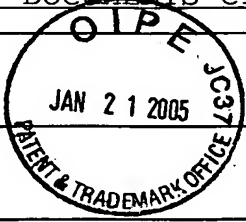
APPENDED COMMENTS - U.S. Appln. No. 10/767,613

With respect to Japanese Utility Model Application Laid Open
No. 62-127868:

An elastic member is disposed between a housing in
which a ball screw and nut mechanism is supported through a
bearing and a housing for a rack and pinion mechanism.

With respect to Japanese Utility Model Application Laid Open
No. 63-12471:

A rack and pinion engaging portion is supported by a
rack guide (21) disposed at the back of a rack shaft (9). A
nut member of a ball screw and nut mechanism is supported
rotatably and rockably.

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